

Lilac-crowned Amazon

Amazona finschi



These small Amazon Parrots are found in Woodlands, Forests and Mangroves from North West to South West Mexico.

There is not a lot known about the Lilac-crowned Amazon although they do appear to be common in their natural environment. They are often found in pairs or small flocks but larger groups do form during the dry season when it is not unusual to find between 300 and 1000 birds together at one site.

Capture for domestic and international trade is the major threat to wild populations. Illegal trade is intensive and widespread, and they are one of the most frequently confiscated Mexican parrots. During 1981-2001, 4,061 individuals were traded internationally, of which 79% were exported directly from Mexico and 64% were taken from the wild. During interviews with local people throughout the species' range, 75% reported poaching in their area.



Lifespan: 50 Years

Weight: 282 - 312 g

Size: 31 - 34 cm

Breeding Season: March - May

Incubation Period: 28 - 29 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 3

Diet: Mostly Fruits and Seeds – also cultivated foods in fields

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, considered a crop pest

Conservation Status: Globally Vulnerable - CITES App. 2

Estimated Population: 7 000 – 10 000